

# Denise Moreno Ducheny

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### **SENATOR DUCHENY'S ENTERPRISE ZONE BILL CLEARS FIRST LEGISLATIVE HURDLE**

**Sacramento** – Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny's (D-San Diego) SB 6 was heard in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee today where it passed out on a 13 to 0 vote. The committee which is predominantly Democratic passed the bill on a bi-partisan vote.

"I am excited that the first hurdle has been jumped with such a tremendous show of support for enterprise zones" says Senator Ducheny. "Our next hurdle will be later this month when the bill is presented before the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee; and we are hopeful that this year we will make it all the way to the Governor's desk."

The Enterprise Zone program brings jobs to economically struggling communities and expands employment opportunities for disadvantaged individuals. Businesses that locate or expand within a zone receive various tax benefits, the most valuable of which is the hiring tax credit for employing residents of the zone or disadvantaged individuals, including low-income and unemployed persons, veterans, persons with disabilities, and persons receiving welfare or job training.

Unfortunately, not all zones are treated equally when it comes to the length of the designation. All zones are originally designated for a period of 15 years. However, current law allows the 20 zones created in 1989 or earlier to seek a five year extension if they update their economic development strategies and pass a state audit. The other zones created after 1989 do not have this authority.

SB 6 allows all enterprise zones, regardless of the date of designation, to seek a five year extension under the same rules and procedures

The other post-1989 zones directly affected by this legislation include those in Antelope Valley, Barstow, Brawley, Coachella Valley, Delano, Kings County, Lindsay, Long Beach, Merced, Oakland, Oroville, Pasadena, Redding, Richmond, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Shafter, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Stockton, and Watsonville.

SB 6 has a wide range of support from many cities and businesses throughout the state.

*Senator Ducheny represents parts of San Diego and Riverside Counties and all of Imperial County.*

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